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[] Advised Stuart French, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, that the questions which Senator Saltonstall had asked him would be handled directly with Senator Saltonstall. (See Journal of 5 April 1963.)

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[] Mr. Wexler, Congressional Relations in State Department, inquired if we had any evidence on shipment of Soviet arms by Castro to Japan indicating he was sending a letter to Senator Carl T. Curtis saying that the Department had no evidence and had checked this with all other appropriate agencies. After checking with Mr. Tidwell, I advised him that the Agency did not have any such evidence.

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[] this the next time by having a briefing session with Ellender before he goes on his next trip. See Memo for the Record.

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[] Talked with [] regarding prior conversations which he and [] have had with us regarding the Mongolian delegation to the United Nations. These conversations concerned Averell Harriman's desire to stimulate interest in various areas to encourage visits of this delegation to various parts of the U. S. [] discussed the possibility of [] talking with Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah on a personal basis to see if Bennett would extend an invitation to this delegation to visit certain parts of the state of Utah. [] is a close personal friend of Bennett's. I advised [] that after discussions in this Office, it was our feeling that such an approach was fraught with pitfalls and unless he had strong feelings on this subject and wished to clear such a plan through the DD/P and the Director, we would advise against it. [] agreed there were dangers involved and said the Agency would not pursue this further. If he decides to do so, he will be in touch with us again.

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[] Delivered to James Kendall, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, a paper on "Changes in Soviet Military Strength East of the Urals" in response to a request from Senator Stennis.

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[] Met briefly with Bob Smart, House Armed Services Committee staff, and brought him up to date on a sensitive matter so that he might advise Chairman Vinson.

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